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Courtney Log House  
Dawson

early 19th century

The Courtney house was originally a 1 1/2 story log structure when it was built back in the early 1800's, but it has since been covered with weatherboarding. The design of the house is rectangular with a small one story wing adjoining the rear. Original features of the house include the recessed front door and a centrally located chimney. The roof is a simple gabled one, and there is an end porch five bays wide covering the front entrance.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Courtney Log House

AND/OR COMMON

Courtney Log House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 220 South, 4.1 miles South of Rawlings

CITY, TOWN

Dawson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
\_\_\_STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_SITE  
\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE  
\_\_\_COMMERCIAL  
\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT  
\_\_\_GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_\_MILITARY  
\_\_\_MUSEUM  
\_\_\_PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_RELIGIOUS  
\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ellison Courtney

Telephone #: 786-4314

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. # 3 Box 203

CITY, TOWN

Keyser

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

West Virginia 26726

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 284

Folio #: 308

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AL-VI-E-026

**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Courtney house is located along Route 220 South near Dawson, Allegany County, on the west side of the road, four and one tenth miles South of Rawlings.

The residence consists of a one and a half story, five bay wide rectangular shaped main facade. A small one story wing abuts the main block on the rear western side and is used as an entrance way. The building originally was a log structure, however it has since been covered with weatherboarding and insul brick on a small, rear section. The facade is supported by a low stone foundation and features a plain water table. The roof of the main facade is gabled including rafter ends and is covered by replaced asphalt materials. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the front eastern face and exhibits the original, recessed door with plain trim. An end porch covers the front entrance and features a hipped roof which is supported by square columns. One original brick chimney is located centrally to the rear side roof of the main wing.

The house is structurally sound but the original appearance has been somewhat altered.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      Early 19th Century      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

COURTNEY LOG HOUSE

The Courtney Log House is an example of the typical 1½ story log structure that was constructed in Allegany County. Characterized by rectangular block, it was built as a farmhouse located in the fertile Potomac Valley. This house dates back to the early 19th century, and like most of the log structures of the county, it has also been remodeled with weatherboarding. Although the exact date of construction of this building is not known, the original structure, according to the title search, was built by Eli W. Dawson; an original settler to the Dawson area along Route 220.

Although the house has been covered with siding, the opportunity for restoration is excellent and would certainly enhance the cultural and architectural flavor of early Allegany County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .4 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/7/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-E-026

Liber - 284

Folio - 308

DATE: 6/29/76REMARKS: Drastic, moderate, minor

, 4 acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Courtney Old Log HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Along Rt. 220 South - 4.1 Miles South of RawlingsDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Ellison Courtney 786-4314ADDRESS: Rt. 3 Box 203Key Ser W. Virginia 26726

1 1/2 STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5(✓) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear AdditionDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(✓) ICG Originally  
(✓) Other: Coverings Weather board

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East Recessed

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)original(✓) replaced( ) Rafter Ends Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANCARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, CORNERS &MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(✓) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(✓) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original(✓) replaced( )LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central(✓) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - ResidenceSignificance - ArchDate Constructed - Early 19thCondition - Fair

## Key points regarding interior architecture.

## 1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

## 2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

## 3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

## 3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

## 4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

## 5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

Courtney Log House  
Route 220 South  
Dawson, Maryland

# HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE

Allegany County Deed - Liber 284, Folio 308  
grantee: Ellison Courtney  
grantor: Philip Vinci  
December 8, 1956  
Consideration \$1,000  
.4 acres

Allegany County Deed - Liber 279, Folio 435  
grantee: Philip Vinci  
grantor: Fannie Bell Biser (widow of Joseph Biser)  
August 1, 1956  
Consideration: \$1,000 - Two tracks which are portions of an original 200  
acre plot.

Allegany County Deed - Liber 112, Folio 204  
grantee: Joseph Biser  
grantor: Frank Perdue and Wilbur Wilson - Trustees of Floyd Stotler  
March 18, 1913  
Consideration: \$1,500  
200 acres

Allegany County Deed - Liber 105, Folio 294  
grantee: Floyd Stotler  
grantor: E. Grace Stotler Wilson and Lillie B. Stotler Wilson - Executrixs'  
of Lucretia Stotler  
November 27, 1909  
Consideration \$1,700  
200 acres

Allegany County Will - Liber I, Folio 483  
grantee: Grace Stotler Wilson and Lillie Stotler Wilson  
grantor: Lucretia G. Stotler  
December 11, 1908  
200 acres

## Two Separate Deeds to Lucretia

Military Lots 3471 & 3472 76/516  
grantee: Lucretia G. Stotler  
grantor: Thomas P. Green - from Price and Fuller Trustees  
February 21, 1895  
Consideration: \$100

Military Lots 3473 & 3474  
grantee: Lucretia G. Stotler  
grantor: William C. Deverman - Substitute Trustee  
April 25, 1895  
77/41 To correct error made by William McKaig



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Allegany County Deed - Liber 47, Folio 516  
grantee: Thomas P. Green  
grantor: Eli W. Dawson  
August 23, 1876  
Consideration: \$850

Allegany County Deed - Liber 22, Folio 520  
grantee: Eli W. Dawson  
grantor: William McKaig - Trustee to Jessie W. Chaney  
February 11, 1865  
\$400 remainder of debt

In 1865 Eli W. Dawson paid remainder of debt (\$400.00) to William McKaig, appointed Trustee to the property of Jessie Chaney.

grantee: Eli Dawson  
grantor: Jessie Chaney  
May 15, 1847

Dawson was to pay an agreement for \$500.00 for the said property. However, Dawson paid but \$100.00 for property and Chaney applied for benefits of law and in due course, William McKaig was appointed Trustee.

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Rt. 220 South

4.1 Miles S. of Rawlings

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Northwest



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